Bangkok Malay

Bangkok Malay also referred as **Bangkok Melayu** or **Nayu** is the local variant of Malay spoken by ethnic Malays living in Bangkok and its surrounding areas. It arose from the intermingling of the Malay community from Southern Thailand and slowly diverged as a distinct variety of Malay. Despite historical Malay presence in what is now Bangkok dated as early as Ayutthaya era, the dialect nonetheless only began to develop after the settlement of deportees from Kedah, Kelantan, Patani, Satun, Terengganu and Yaring in 1786, 1791 and 1832.

The speakers of Bangkok Malay can be found throughout the city, with higher concentration in Malay enclaves in Thon Buri, Thung Khru, Phra Pradaeng, Bang Kho Laem, Phra Khanong, Khlong Saen Saep, Min Buri, Nong Chok, Bang Nam Priao, Chachoengsao, Thon Buri and Pom Prap Sattru Phai.[2]

There are several variations of the dialect, owing to various waves and origin of Malay settlement in the city. The dialect was largely based on Patani Malay with visible divergent from the original spoken in the south, this allowed Bangkok Malay to constitute as a separate dialect from Patani Malay. Another notable sub-dialect of Bangkok Malay spoken in Bang Kraso, Bang Bua Thong and Tha It districts demonstrating a strong Kedahan influence, this correlates to the fact that most Malay people from these areas are mostly the descendants of deportees that were brought from Kedah in the 18th century.[3]

Following the rise of urbanism and the assimilation with the larger Thai majority, the language is now highly confined with adult over the age of 40 with varied fluency among younger generations.

Bangkok Malay	
Bangkok Melayu Nayu Nayu Bakok[1]	
ภาษามลายูบางกอก بڠكوق ملايو 'نايو	
Native to	Thailand
Region	Bangkok
Ethnicity	Thai Malays
Native speakers	c. 5,000. (2007)
Language family	Austronesian ▪ Malayo-Polynesian ▪ Malayo-Sumbawan ▪ Malayic ▪ Malayan ▪ Malay ▪ Kelantan-Patani Malay/Kedah Malay ▪ **Bangkok Malay**
Writing system	Jawi script, Thai script
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	–

See also

- Thai Malays
- Kelantan-Patani Malay
- Kedah Malay
- Malayan languages

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